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1. COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND COORDINATION (CPC) OPENED FIRST PART OF ITS 18TH SESSION BY RE-ELECTING PETER HANSEN (DENMARK) CHAIRMAN. ANGEL OLIVERI-LOPEZ (ARGENTINA), MICHAEL OKEYO (KENYA) AND CHRISTO KOSSEV (BULGARIA) WERE ELECTED VICE CHAIRMEN, AND TERUSUKE TERADA (JAPAN) RAPPORTEUR.

2. COMMITTEE ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE AGENDA AS PROPOSED E/AC.51/92 AND PROGRAM OF WORK AS PROPOSED E/AC.51/L.88. AGENDA ITEM 4, CROSS-ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRAM ANALYSES, WAS DEFERRED UNTIL SECOND PART OF SESSION (LATE AUGUST). NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS (UK, FRANCE, USSR, INDIA) SAID IT WOULD RAISE ISSUE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHILE FRENCH REP SUGGESTED AS PERSONAL VIEW DELAY IS DELIBERATE TO PREVENT CPC FROM CONSIDERING ISSUES. USSR QUERIED USEFULNESS OF APRIL DATE ON DOCUMENT NOT DELIVERED TO DELEGATIONS UNTIL MID-MAY.

3. AFTERNOON SESSION OPENED WITH CONSIDERATION OF MEDIUM-UNCLASSIFIED

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TERM PLAN (MTP). CHAPTER 5 WAS DISPOSED OF QUICKLY. US REP (CUNNINGHAM) NOTED THAT SUB-PROGRAM 1 SHOULD INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OF UNIFIL AS WELL AS UNEF, UNDOF, AND UNTSO. HE ALSO NOTED FOR THE RECORD THAT THE USE OF THE TERM QUOTE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY END QUOTE IN THE MTP WAS NOT A COMMENT ON THE GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE RESOLUTIONS CITED, BUT A REFLECTION IN THIS CONTEXT OF THE FUNCTIONS

THEY PERFORM WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE SYG. SOVIET REP POINTED OUT THAT NO MID-TERM PLANNING WAS POSSIBLE IN THIS AREA, AS SYG HIMSELF ACKNOWLEDGED; CHAIRMAN AGREED THAT THE CPC HAD TRADITIONALLY NOT DISCUSSED THIS CHAPTER; AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.

4. CPC SPENT REST OF AFTERNOON ON CHAPTER 8, DISASTER RELIEF, WITH A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT THE PRESENTATION. WITH RESPECT TO COORDINATION UNDRP REP CLARIFIED THAT FORMAL MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WERE IN PREPARATION WITH WHO AND UNHCR, BUT THAT SUCH MEMORANDA WERE NOT REALLY NECESSARY FOR CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN AGENCIES. CHAIRMAN OBSERVED THAT THESE WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF A TIME WHEN AGENCIES WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH PROTECTING THEIR INTERESTS THAN WITH COOPERATION.

5. AT REQUEST OF US, UNDRP SAID THAT ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TO SUB-PROGRAMS WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 60 PERCENT TO RELIEF COORDINATION (SUB-PROGRAM 1), 30 TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, AND 10 TO DISASTER PREVENTION. FIRST TWO HAD BEEN LUMPED TOGETHER BECAUSE THE STAFF WORKED ON (2) WHENEVER NOT REQUIRED TO WORK ON (1). AT REQUEST OF FRANCE, UNDRP AGREED TO LOOK INTO APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN ITS MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND PROGRAM FOR UNDRP APPROVED BY 32ND GA COMITE 2.

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6. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT RE SUB-PROGRAM 1 THAT UNDRP SHOULD BE USED MORE SYSTEMATICALLY IN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATION. RE SUB-PROGRAM 2 PARAGRAPH (B) UNDRP CLARIFIED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS THAT IN FACT IT TRIED TO IMPROVE ITS INFORMATION GATHERING RE BILATERAL AID FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS RATHER THAN COORDINATING SUCH AID PER SE. AND THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON RELIEF MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH (F) IS STILL LITTLE MORE THAN A VAGUE FUTURE HOPE. APPARENTLY NOTHING FORMAL HAS BEEN INITIATED.

7. RE SUB-PROGRAM 3 SEVERAL DELEGATIONS - INCLUDING ARGENTINA, JAPAN, INDIA, PAKISTAN - EXPRESSED STRONG VIEWS THAT MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN THIS ACTIVITY, ON THE GROUNDS THAT IF THIS WERE ACHIEVED SUB-PROGRAMS 1 AND 2 WOULD BE UNNECESSARY. UNDRP POINTED OUT THE HEAVY COST IN BOTH TIME AND MONEY IN GATHERING THE NECESSARY DATA TO CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DISASTER PREVENTION. YOUNG

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